# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:934
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PRODUCTION OF COTTON
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether cotton import into the country may slow down over a period of time on wider adoption of Bt Cotton by farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the country has potential to produce enough cotton to meet the demand of spinning mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (d): With wider adoption of Bt seeds by the farmers together with other favourable factors, the cotton production in the country is likely to increase. The country has potential to produce enough cotton to meet the demand of spinning mills. During the last 3 years the production of cotton has gone up and imports have come down as per data given below:

Qty : Lakh bales of 170 kg each
Year (Cotton season) Cotton production in India Cotton imports by India

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|---|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 136.00 | 17.67 |
| 2003-04 | 177.00 | 7.21 |
| 2004-05 (Anticipated) | 232.00 | 6.00 |

Source : Cotton Advisory Board